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COUNCIL NAMES NEW CITY MANAGER

WEST JORDAN, UTAH, MANAGER TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF SUNNYVALE

After an exhaustive nationwide search, Sunnyvale City Council has named Gary Luebbers the new city manager. Luebbers has served since 2000 as the city manager of West Jordan, Utah, a post he has held longer than anyone else in that city's history.

In a statement, Council said it is very pleased with the selection. "We had excellent candidates from which to choose the new city manager," the statement said. "While we recognize that Amy Chan's leadership and contributions have been significant, Gary Luebbers has the experience and the ability to continue Sunnyvale's tradition of excellence in city government. Council looks forward to having Gary join our team."

Luebbers told *Quarterly Report* that he is excited to come to Sunnyvale. "Sunnyvale has long been recognized as a premier job for a city manager," he said. "The way the City is run, the Department of Public Safety, the relationship with the community ... When there's an opportunity to join one of the top teams in the league, you go for it!"

An Air Force retiree, Luebbers is no stranger to California. After leaving military service, he spent 13 years with the City of Redlands, as assistant city manager and general

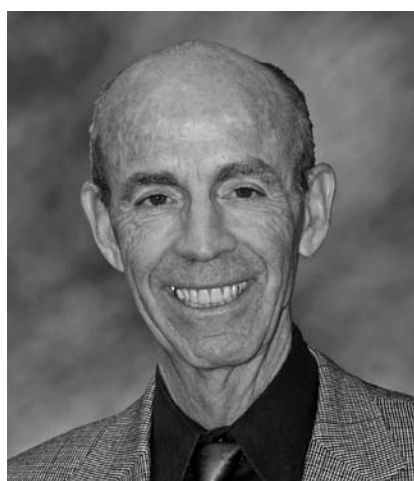


Photo courtesy of City of West Jordan, Utah

Gary Luebbers

services director, then seven years as city manager.

Sunnyvale is likely to provide new challenges to Luebbers, but he says he is up to it.

"It would be presumptuous for me to come to Sunnyvale thinking I have all the answers. I really need to get to know the community, the Council and the staff," he explained. But Luebbers has clearly done his homework, pointing out to *Quarterly Report* that he knows he will need to watch developments on the Mary Avenue Extension Project and will need to work to keep the Town Center redevelopment project on track and on schedule.

While in West Jordan, Luebbers saw his city grow from 75,000 to 102,000. His major challenges

included a weak economic development program and a double-digit loss of city employees to other organizations. Luebbers, through a variety of tools, was able to stem staff turnover to 8 percent. On the economic development front, under his leadership, West Jordan was able to attract the largest commercial development in the state: more than 2 million square feet and still growing.

Luebbers is clearly an experienced professional who is looking forward to the challenges of leading Sunnyvale. But there is another aspect to his move here that he was eager to explain.

"For Jeannie and me, our first priority in looking at any city manager position is to determine if it is a city we would choose to live in, even if I weren't working there," he said. "And that perfectly describes our feeling about Sunnyvale. It will be a wonderful place to live and a City I will be proud to manage. We struck gold!" Luebbers pointed out that he and his wife have always formed a deep bond with the communities in which they live, and he expects it to be no different in Sunnyvale. "The neighborhoods, the level of public safety, the schools, all make Sunnyvale ideal."

Luebbers, who is married with four daughters and five grandchildren, expects to begin with the City about the first of December. ☀

2008 SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

- **Distinguished Residents of the Year:** Dane Andrew and Doris Beezley
- **Outstanding Businessperson:** The Pezzella Family
- **Outstanding Community Volunteer:** Sunnyvale Historical Society Museum Team
- **Outstanding Environmental Achievement:** Barbara Fukumoto
- **Outstanding High School Senior:** Parijat Chakrabarti
- **Mayor's Award of Excellence:** Arley Marley

State of the City guests had the opportunity to view the Town Center redevelopment from tents set up within the project.



Photos: City of Sunnyvale



STATE OF THE CITY CELEBRATION SHOWS OFF STATE OF DOWNTOWN

Hundreds of members of the Sunnyvale community got a glimpse behind the downtown construction fence as the 2008 State of the City celebration was held last month atop one of the newly constructed parking garages. In addition to the mayor's State of the City address (which can be read online at StateOfTheCity.inSunnyvale.com) and the presentation of community awards, visitors got a chance to see the progress that has been made on the Sunnyvale Town Center redevelopment project.

Far from the pile of rubble it had been after the old mall had been

demolished early last year, visitors could now see buildings taking shape and envision how the newly-reopened street grid will look when the project is completed next fall.

Work is progressing quickly on the massive project, which, when completed will feature nearly 300 ownership housing units, almost a million square feet of retail space, more than a quarter million square feet of office space and a multi-screen theater.

Weekly updates on the status of the construction project are available online at

Downtown.inSunnyvale.com. ☀



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ONIZUKA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CITY COMMISSIONS WEIGH IN ON REUSE

After two years and 10 public hearings, the Onizuka Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on July 16 recommended three land reuse options for Onizuka Air Force Station. The CAC was asked to provide a preferred land reuse recommendation for the entire site. The consulting firm Bay Area Economics provided economic and feasibility analysis on reuse options that had been approved by the local redevelopment authority (LRA) in 2007. Using that analysis as a guide, the CAC recommendations were, in order of priority:

1. Retail auto center
2. Shared use by conference center, hotel and offices, and
3. Corporate offices.

While the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) retains its interest in the site, the LRA will work with the Air Force and the VA for mutually beneficial terms for the VA's eventual relocation to another location.

The land use recommendation was the last scheduled step in the CAC's advisory role in planning for Onizuka reuse. The CAC report can be found online at Onizuka.inSunnyvale.com.

The Sunnyvale Planning Commission reviewed the CAC land use recommendation in July without further recommendation or action. Further Planning Commission review may be required as part of the National Environmental Protection Act or California Environmental Quality Act reviews.

In August, the Sunnyvale Heritage Preservation Commission provided a preliminary assessment of the local historic significance of Onizuka. The historical research and analysis found that the site is potentially a significant local heritage resource for its role in the Cold War. The commission recommended the LRA acknowledge that the Onizuka site is eligible for potential designation as a local Heritage Resource under the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, and that the LRA's reuse plan to the DOD should include a recommendation to "further evaluate the historic significance of the buildings artifacts and site and possible preservation of a building, artifacts, or other appropriate measure to commemorate the site's heritage significance."

The final Onizuka AFS reuse plan is scheduled for LRA review, public comment and adoption in October and November, and for submission to the Department of Defense in

December. To find out more about the reuse planning for Onizuka, including dates and times of upcoming meetings, visit the City's Onizuka Web pages at Onizuka.inSunnyvale.com, or e-mail Robert Switzer, the City's Onizuka AFS project manager, at rswitzer@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☼

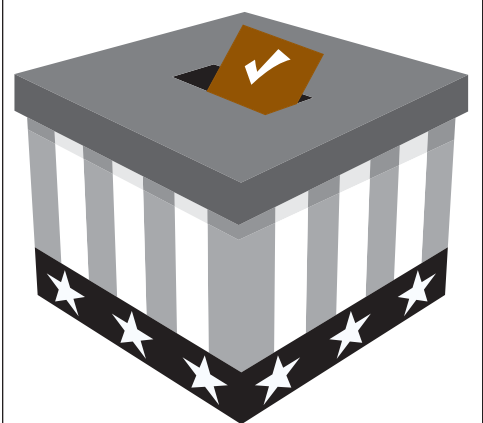
VOTE BY MAIL

Save gas and help the environment by choosing to vote by mail in the upcoming election.

State law makes it possible for any registered voter to sign up and automatically receive their ballot by mail for every election.

It's easy. Just follow these steps:

- Obtain a **Permanent Vote By Mail Application** by calling (408) 299-8640, or toll free (866) 430-VOTE [8683].
- Complete and sign the **Permanent Vote By Mail Application**.
- Mail the completed and signed form to: Vote By Mail Division, Registrar of Voters, PO Box 1740, San Jose, CA 95109 or FAX to (408) 293-6002.



Your packet will be mailed to you 29 days prior to Election Day. Once you receive your Vote By Mail packet, follow the easy instructions to vote your ballot. Seal the voted ballot in the return envelope provided to you. You must sign the envelope in order for your ballot to be counted. Mail in your voted ballot or turn it in on election day at any Santa Clara County polling place. Voters who do not vote their permanent vote by mail ballot may lose their permanent vote by mail voting status, but will continue to be registered to vote. ☼

February 17, 2009
is right around the corner.
Are you ready?

America's broadcasting industry is in the midst of an exciting revolution as it transitions from analog to digital television technology. Since the late 1990s, television broadcasters have been preparing for the transition from analog to digital television (DTV) scheduled for February 17, 2009, as set by Congress.

But as the transition draws near, are you ready?

Find out at: **www.DTVanswers.com**

NOVA GETS AHEAD OF THE CURVE ON LOOMING WORKFORCE CRISIS

The City of Sunnyvale's Department of Employment Development, also known as NOVA, has been awarded a substantial grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to facilitate the development of a comprehensive regional workforce strategic plan for all of Silicon Valley.

NOVA, in collaboration with related organizations in San Mateo County and southern Santa Clara County, has contracted with Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, a local, nonpartisan, public-private partnership, to coordinate this initiative. The grant aims to integrate economic and workforce activities and demonstrate that talent development can drive economic transformation in regional economies.

The regional employment situation is increasingly unstable, especially when paired with the economic challenges currently facing the nation as a whole. In fact, because of the nature of the Silicon Valley economy, our local issues may prove to be more challenging than in any other region of the nation or world.

Skills Disparity

In Silicon Valley's rapidly-evolving innovation economy, the skill sets associated with the jobs that are being created don't necessarily mesh well with the skill sets of the jobs they're replacing, either through technological advancement or relocation to other parts of the world. This mismatch of available and required skills makes it that much

more difficult for employers and jobseekers to find each other.

Another challenge facing Silicon Valley's knowledge-based economy is the impending retirement of the Baby Boom generation. Employers are requiring greater skill sets and higher levels of education, necessitated by technological innovation. In an era when high school graduation rates and college entrance rates are dropping, there is growing concern that younger generations of workers will be ill-prepared to fill the holes left by baby boomers leaving the workforce.

Risk and uncertainty must be managed if economic progress is to be maintained for individuals, businesses and the community as a whole. This requires a commitment from the region's leaders to realign workplaces, institutions and infrastructure to new economic and social realities.

"This effort is a recognition that we can't solve this impending crisis alone," explained NOVA Director Mike Curran. "It is through the commitment of the many stakeholders involved in workforce development, which include business, education and training organizations, organized labor, community-based organizations, government, elected officials and economists, that we will find the best solutions."

Curran said the initiative seeks to improve access to skill building, adult education and training, as well as new alliances that link job seekers, employers, educators and

labor market information providers. The goals of this project are aligned with and represent the next step in the California EDGE (Education, Diversity and Growth in the Economy) Campaign, an initiative dealing with many of these same concerns at the statewide level. In honor of the Valley's technological focus, this new regional initiative has been dubbed EDGE 2.0.

For more information about EDGE 2.0, contact NOVA at (408) 730-7232, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES

Emergency communications between different public safety agencies has been an on-going challenge for many years. Not only are most agencies limited by the ability of their radios to operate over long distances, but also by the fact that not all agencies operate within the same radio frequencies. For example, Sunnyvale Public Safety operates within the 400 MHz frequency range, while our neighboring City of Santa Clara operates on the 800 MHz system making it almost impossible for first responders to communicate directly to each other. Because Sunnyvale operates a Department of Public Safety (DPS), we are fortunate that our Police and Fire departments have the ability to communicate with each other directly, whereas other agencies cannot.

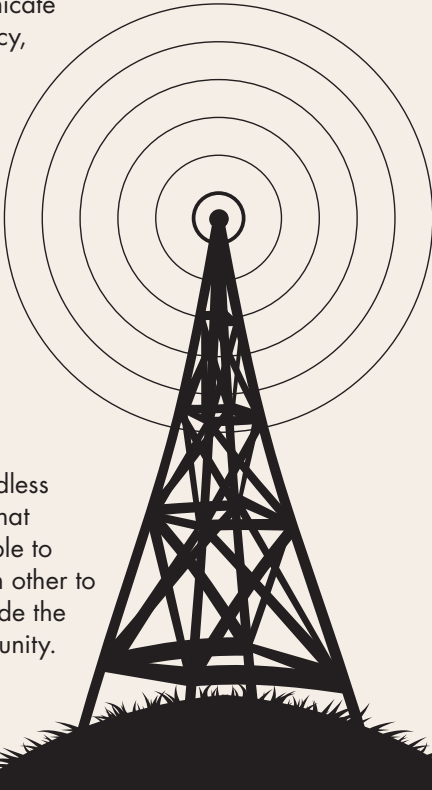
Interoperability, or the ability for different communication systems to connect to each other, is a critical need, whether in response to a major incident, routine task force operations or providing a coordinated response to daily events.

Over the past several years, Santa Clara County agencies have begun to improve the way they communicate. One example is the development of the Bay Area Mutual Aid Communications Channel, (BAYMACS), a single radio channel enabling agencies with different frequencies to communicate via Internet transmissions.

However, there's still room for improvement. With the help of Homeland Security funds, Sunnyvale DPS will join with other Bay Area Public safety agencies in a regional interoperable communications system upgrade to improve communications between all public agencies.

Over the next few years, public safety agencies throughout the Bay Area, will be upgrading their radio and communication equipment, with the vision that any public safety department in the region will be able to communicate with any other public safety agency, regardless of the type of radio they have or the frequency band they utilize. This will be accomplished by upgrading radio equipment to 700 MHz to increase the amount of frequencies available to public safety, utilizing microwave communications, and sharing computer aided dispatching information between agencies to allow better sharing of resources.

By 2012, all responders, regardless of where they are located, and what the emergency may be, will be able to effectively communicate with each other to mitigate the emergency and provide the best possible service to our community.



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

This year the City is embarking on a major two-year work plan to update the Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan, known to as the LUTE. One of the 22 elements of the Sunnyvale General Plan, this is an important planning tool that helps the City make land pattern and transportation decisions in our City.

The LUTE update will build off community vision that was adopted last year by City Council after an extensive public input process. Current LUTE policies will be evaluated and new ones created to reflect the values, vision and Citywide goals outlined in the community vision – including goals for economic development and leadership in sustainability. The LUTE will focus on land use and transportation as other resources and services are covered in the other General Plan elements.

Public input will be a key component of the LUTE. If you would like to participate in the LUTE update process, you can review the community vision as well as the current LUTE and all 22 other General Plan Sub-elements at GeneralPlan.inSunnyvale.com. For more information, call (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501, or contact Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner, at gcaruso@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

STUDY ISSUES 101

Sunnyvale’s study issues process provides both City Council and City staff with a valuable planning and management tool. Through this process, Council sets priorities to address the large number of policy issues that are raised each year, and gives staff the tools to balance the work required to thoroughly study an issue with the work required to deliver ongoing City services.

The study issues process is an integral part of the City’s Planning and Management System, linking long-range strategic planning and short-range action planning.

With a few exceptions, such as emergency or safety issues, Council reviews all study issues once a year at the January Council Study Issues Workshop. The process allows Council to rank the issues and allows the city manager and department directors to balance these issues with the day-to-day delivery of City services.

How Does It Work?

Ideas proposed by the public must be sponsored by Council, staff, or a majority of a board or commission. For those issues sponsored by Councilmembers, City staff or boards and commissions, staff prepares and submits study issue papers to the city manager for approval. The study issue paper describes the topic of concern proposed to be studied, identifies how the issue relates to the General Plan, the origin of the issue, expected public outreach, staff hours, any additional resources required to complete the study, and a staff recommendation regarding whether or not to study the issue. Papers are then routed to the appropriate board or commission for ranking. Generally, boards and commissions must submit their proposed study issues by early fall in order to complete their ranking of issues in October. Study issue papers not under the purview of a board or commission are routed directly to Council for the annual Study Issues Public Hearing and Council Study Issues Workshop.

Council holds the public hearing in early January to gather public input on the posted issues. While Council may choose to sponsor a

new issue at the hearing, the intent of the hearing is to gather public feedback on previously posted issues. At the Council Study Issues Workshop – typically held two to three weeks following the public hearing – Council takes action on the issues. At the workshop, Council first identifies those issues they would like to drop or defer, then ranks the remaining issues by department. Deferred issues are automatically brought back to the next year’s workshop. Dropped issues are considered dead, though any Councilmember may resurrect a dead issue for consideration at a future year’s workshop.

In late January and early February, staff identifies the number of issues – by department – budgeted resources will support. Issues are undertaken in priority order; staff then provides Council the dates by which the issues will be completed.

Who Does What?

Council: Council’s role is to set policy. Regarding the study issues process, policy-related responsibilities include generating study issue topics; taking public input; prioritizing or ranking issues at the Council Study Issues Workshop in January; and approving target completion dates for each study.

City Staff: City staff manage the annual study issues administrative

process; generate study issue topics; prepare study issue papers; following Council ranking of issues, determine how many issues available operating resources will support and propose target completion dates for studies able to be completed.

Boards and Commissions: In their advisory capacity to Council, boards and commissions generate study issue papers for Council’s consideration, and provide a recommended ranking of the issues relevant to their areas of authority. Boards and commissions also provide a forum for public input and, with majority support, can sponsor issues brought to them by members of the public.

Members of the Public: Members of the pubic suggest study issue topics to staff, boards and commissions, or directly to Council. In order for a study issue topic to get to the Council Study Issues Workshop it must be sponsored by staff, Council or a board or commission. Members of the public also provide input to Council on the relative importance or priorities of individual studies at the annual Study Issues Public Hearing, which is held a week or two prior to Council’s Study Issues Workshop.

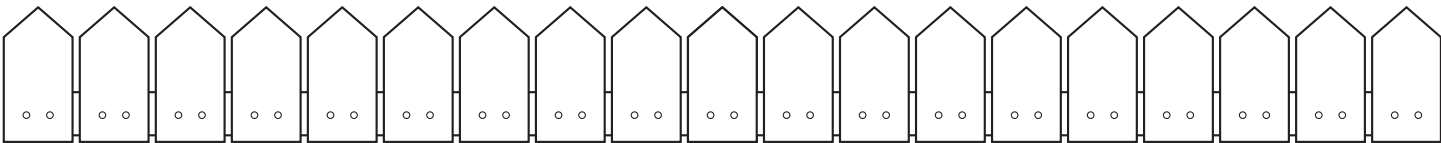
For more information, visit *StudyIssues.inSunnyvale.com* or contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Yvette Agredano at (408) 730-7536, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

Month	Activity	Result
Day after January public hearing through following year’s public hearing	Study Issue topics are proposed for next calendar year.	Study issue papers sponsored by Council, boards and commissions, or staff are prepared by staff.
October	Boards and commissions rank relevant study issues proposed for next calendar year.	Board and commission priority rankings are forwarded to Council.
December	Staff posts all sponsored study issue papers to the City’s Web site: <i>StudyIssues.inSunnyvale.com</i> .	Public notice and viewing of study issues proposed for upcoming calendar year.
Very early January	Council holds Public Hearing on study issues proposed for current calendar year.	Members of the public comment on study issues.
Mid – late January	Council Study Issues Workshop held.	Council assigns priority ranking to study issues; rankings are posted to City’s Web site.
Late January – mid-February	Staff draws the line: the city manager considers staff resources by department to determine how many issues can be studied during the calendar year (issues are always studied in priority order), noting start and completion dates for each issue.	Staff presents Council a list of study issues that will be undertaken during the current calendar year, based on currently-budgeted resources.

UPCOMING STUDY ISSUE: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

On Tuesday, November 18, Sunnyvale City Council is scheduled to explore development of a board or commission focusing on human rights and relations. The study issue will address the potential mission and role of the board or commission, as well as the kinds of issues it would review.

For more information on the upcoming study issue, contact Patricia Lord, Community Resources Manager at (408) 730-7477, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail *plord@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*.



Do You Need A Permit For That Fence?

Fences play an important role in the design, character and safety of our residential neighborhoods and merit extra consideration in their design and placement. If you are planning to install a new fence, chances are you will need some type of review or permit before you begin.

Front Yard Fences

Most people don't realize that any fence in the front yard requires location and design review by the Sunnyvale Planning Division and may also need a permit. Site plans and elevation plans need to be checked for design, height, location and safety near street corners and driveways. The City has design guidelines for front yard fencing that encourage residential-style materials like wood picket fences and strongly discourage industrial-looking materials like chain link and plain cement block. (Editor's note: an article in the last *Quarterly Report* encouraged the use of chain link for safety reasons, but this would only be considered suitable for industrial areas). Fences more than three feet in height are carefully reviewed

in order to prevent properties and neighborhoods from being walled in or appearing unfriendly. Permits are required before construction.

Good Neighbor Fences

Fences that separate properties along the sides and rear property lines can be six feet in height without any planning review or permits, as long as they don't extend into the front yard area. A building permit may be required if there is a retaining wall component. A very popular and attractive good neighbor fence design is a six-foot solid fence with a foot of lattice along the top for a total of seven feet. Any fence more than six feet high requires Planning Division review, a building permit and agreements signed by all affected neighbors. A copy of the agreement is available at the Planning Division.

A few other tips

Fences taller than seven feet will require consideration at a public hearing. For safety reasons, visibility near driveways and street corners must be protected, and if you live on a corner lot, there are special fence setback provisions for your property.

Also, fence codes change over time, and it cannot be assumed that any fence that has been in place for years can automatically be rebuilt in the same location.

More information is available online at the City's Web site or from the Planning Division at the One-Stop permit counter at City Hall. You can also contact the Planning Division at (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail planning@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎

CITYSKILLS – FREE COMMUNITY CLASSES

Created as a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and Silicon Valley Leadership, CitySkills is a free community education program. It teaches both residents and those working in Sunnyvale how to effectively address issues with City government and take a leadership role in the community.

This fall three new CitySkills classes will be introduced:

Getting the most from City Services

Find out what services the City has to offer from the people who serve our community everyday. This class will feature a panel discussion including City staff from Public Safety, Neighborhood Preservation and Parks and Recreation.

Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

Bringing your Study Issue Ideas to City Council

Do you have a suggestion for improving City policy or services? Every year, City Council decides what issues to study and how to allocate funds during the Study Issues and Budget Issues processes. This class will teach all you need to know about when and how to bring your issue before City Council.

Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

Cultural Competency

Living and working in an area of cultural diversity can be both an opportunity and a challenge. Attending this class will help strengthen your understanding of cultural factors facing our community.

Wednesday, December 11, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

If you would like to register for any of the CitySkills classes, contact Nathan Truitt, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ntruitt@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. More information about this and other CitySkills classes may be found online at CitySkills.inSunnyvale.com.

NEED HELP CONNECTING WITH EMPLOYERS?

CONNECT! JOB SEEKER CENTER PROVIDES RESOURCES

Like their neighbors throughout the Bay Area, Sunnyvale residents and businesses have been hit hard by the downturn in the economy. A wonderful resource is available in the heart of Sunnyvale to assist with employment and training needs for both employers and job seekers.

The CONNECT! Job Seeker Center, located just a block from City Hall, is a great resource available at no cost to residents and businesses. CONNECT! is a collaborative effort of more than 30 organizations dedicated to serving the region's workforce, supported primarily by NOVA (the City of Sunnyvale's Department of Employment Development) and the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

The CONNECT! Center was established in 2002 as a one-stop resource for individuals looking for a job, to improve job their skills and increase their employability. Job seekers interested in using the center's resources complete a registration process to become a CONNECT! member and enjoy immediate access to services. Membership is free, but members must verify their right to work in the United States.

Services at the center include:

- career advisor appointments;

- a full array of job-search workshops;
- resume assistance;
- use of computers, printers, photocopiers and fax machines for job search;
- recruitment presentations by local employers;
- ProMatch, an interactive networking program for professionals;
- assistive technology for individuals with disabilities;
- career resource library and labor market information;
- Microsoft computer application classes; and
- Professional Effectiveness Program.

Services to businesses are provided through NOVA and a variety of local organizations. Services include pre-layoff and outplacement assistance, employee training and retention, diversity employment, and staffing and recruitment. Most services to individuals and businesses are available at no cost.

For more information about the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center and its numerous services, visit www.connect.one-stop.org or drop by the center at 420 S. Pastoria Ave. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ☎

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW LIBRARY MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEM, ELIMINATION OF RESERVE FEE



When Sunnyvale City Council adopted a nearly \$305 million budget in June, they also approved two budget

supplements which impact Library services: elimination of the Library's reserve fee, and the purchase and installation of an automated materials handling system.

For many years, the Library charged a 50-cent fee when a Library member placed an item on reserve. Staff recommended eliminating the fee for the following reasons: it allows placement of reserves to be consistent with all other public libraries in Silicon Valley; it allows placement of reserves to be consistent with the Library's own Link+ service, which allows placement of reserves on member library's materials free of charge; it would potentially result in greater convenience to members by allowing them to pick up reserved materials on their own

and check out materials using the self-check machines; and, there was a minimal fiscal impact associated with the elimination of the fee. The elimination of the Library's reserve fee became effective July 1. Library members may now place a reserve on as many as 10 items at a time at no charge.

Council also allocated funds to purchase and install an automated materials handling system for returned library materials. Automated materials handling system is expected to:

- Cut the time in half to return high-demand materials and other items back to the shelves, making them available to other Library members faster
- Speed up the process of checking

in materials and improve accuracy of member records

- Provide assurance to members that their records are cleared immediately
- Decrease the cost of checking in materials and provide staff some relief from a potential source of repetitive motion injuries
- Optimize staff hours by relieving staff of routine, repetitive tasks, so staff may be available to perform direct customer-service duties
- Optimize existing space and alleviate overcrowding conditions in the Circulation backroom

Work has begun on the automated materials handling system, however, this project will take some months to complete. ☼

GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE – FOR FREE

Sunnyvale residents who have an unwanted vehicle that is taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's Fall Clean-up Tow-away program.

Throughout October, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and request a pick-up appointment. Requests will be sent to a City-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for tow-away of the vehicle. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed.

Vehicles removed during the fall clean-up do not qualify for a tax deduction. For additional information on the program and to schedule vehicle pick-up, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501.

CALL FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

The City of Sunnyvale is looking for volunteers to serve on various advisory boards and commissions. Board and commission members are appointed by City Council. Special requirements or qualifications, such as residency, voter registration and professional experience, may be required.

Recruitment is currently underway for openings on the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Board (openings for child care center or family child care services representative, business community representative and

related field representative)

- Heritage Preservation Commission

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for all boards and commissions. Applications for current openings submitted to the Office of the City Clerk by 5 p.m., October 3, will be considered for interviews tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 21.

For more information and to download an application, visit BoardsandCommissions.inSunnyvale.com. To request an application by mail or for more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail jclark@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☼

BRAINFUSE ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP

For the past two years, the Library has offered an online homework help program, free to students and partially supported through a grant from the California State Library. For the fiscal year ending June 30, nearly 1,000 Sunnyvale students had participated in an online homework help session with an expert tutor. The online homework

help service is called HelpNow and is provided by Brainfuse. Tutoring help can be provided for specific homework problems, or state-aligned skills building lessons can be given which help students master key academic areas.

Access Brainfuse by visiting the Library Web page and finding the link under *Databases*. English and Spanish language tutors are available everyday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. After clicking on the *Brainfuse* link, choose whether you would like homework help or skill-building. If this is your first time using Brainfuse, you'll be walked through a few short, easy steps to set up the software on your computer. Then, select a subject and a grade level and an expert

tutor will connect with you in moments. All sessions can be saved and printed.

Tutoring is designed for grades 3 through 12, however, it is available for anyone interested in learning new skills or refreshing skills which may have been forgotten. Tutors are available for language arts, math (including algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus), science (including biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science) and social studies. There is even advanced-placement help. Additionally, there is a writing lab available, where students can submit a paper to a tutor and receive a response within 24 hours.

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LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

KIDS’ PROGRAMS

Baby Lapsit

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21; November 4, 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16 – 11 a.m.
Ages birth up to 12 months.

Columbia Neighborhood Center Story Times

Wednesday, October 8, 22; November 5, 19; December 3, 17 – 4 p.m.
A special story time held at the Columbia Neighborhood Center located at 785 Morse Ave.

Elementary Kicks

Thursday, October 2; November 6; December 4 – 3 p.m.
Elementary school kids are invited to kick back with some snacks and kick it with friends during crafts. Kids are sure to get their kicks.

Family Story Time

Saturday, October 4; November 1; December 6 – 11 a.m.
All ages.

Marylee Sunseri

Tuesday, October 28 – 11 a.m.
Award-winning singer and songwriter Marylee Sunseri will have the perfect songs to sing with little children.

Night Owl Story Time

Monday, October 13, 27; November 10, 24; December 8, – 7 p.m.
Ages 3 – 8 years.

Preschool Story Time

Thursday, November 13, 20; December 4, 11, 18, – 11 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5 years.
Important: Due to overwhelming demand and to ensure fairness, registration will be done by a lottery system. Register your child in person at the Library between Thursday, October 30 and Sunday, November 9. Parents will be notified of the lottery results Monday, November 10. Children who do not attend the first session will not be enrolled. This session will focus on music.

Stories for 1s

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21; November 4, 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, – 11 a.m.
Ages 12 – 24 months.

Time for Tales

Monday, October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15 – 11 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5 years.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17, – 11 a.m.
Ages 2 – 3 ½ years.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Film Discussion Group

Tuesday, October 7; November 4; December 2 – 7 p.m.
Teens and interested adults are welcome to join us for refreshments and to discuss this month's film. Films will be announced soon. Check the Library Web site for more information.

Games in the Library

Wednesday, October 1; November 5; December 3, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 18; November 15; December 13, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bring your favorite games and some friends and play all afternoon or evening. Any type of game is welcome. The Library will provide tables, a room where you can make noise, and refreshments. Anyone in grades 6 through 12 is welcome.

Manga/Anime Discussion Group

Wednesday, October 15; November 19; December 17, – 4 p.m.–5 p.m.
Teens and interested adults are invited to come and talk about your favorite manga and anime with other fans. Refreshments will be provided.

Yarn Days

Monday, October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15 - 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn to knit or crochet. Teens and interested adults are invited to bring their yarn projects to the Library Program Room and have fun while working on

them. We'll supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks and teach you how.

ADULT CLASSES

Basic Small Business Research

Tuesday, November 4 – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
An introduction to Internet resources to help you start, maintain and grow your small business. Topics covered include business plans, company performance data, competitive analysis, funding, mentors, and intellectual property protection and research. No registration necessary.

Blogs & Blogging

Monday, December 8 – 3 p.m.–5 p.m.
Come hear practical ideas for launching your Web presence. Learn about free tools to create a blog in minutes and how new technologies can help you reach the world with your message.

NEW Book Networking

Wednesday, October 22 – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Learn how you can use LibraryThing, Shelfari, Gurulib or other similar sites to promote the books you like, pan the books you don't like, get reviews from real people, connect with others who share your taste in books, communicate with your book group online and catalog your books. The class includes brief overviews of some of the more popular sites and what they can do for you. No registration necessary.

Extreme Googling

Wednesday, November 5 – 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Learn how to get the most out of Google and improve searching efficiency.

Genealogy Databases

Thursday, December 18 – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Learn about the Library's genealogy databases, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.

I Have an Idea, Now What?

Tuesday, December 9 – 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
How do you start to turn your great idea into reality? Find out about different kinds of intellectual property rights. How much does it cost and how long does it take to get a patent and trademark? Discover the free resources for researching your invention. Learn about the steps you can take now.

NEW PubWEST Demonstration

Tuesday, October 14 – 2 p.m.–3 p.m.
PubWEST is a collection of patent databases available only at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, Virginia and at Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries. Find out how searching patents in PubWest is more flexible and efficient than searching the USPTO Web site. Also learn about keyword searching in the English language abstracts of European, Japanese, and additional foreign patent documents and in older U.S. patents (1920 – 1975).

Searching the Internet

Tuesday, November 11 – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes and discover great places to start your search.

Tips for Using the USPTO Web Site with an Emphasis on Patents

Tuesday, October 7 – 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Presented by Marjory Cameron, Patent and Trademark Librarian. With an emphasis on patent research, this orientation to www.uspto.gov will help you locate forms, fees, file histories, status information, scam prevention and complaints, links to related sites and a brief overview of patent searching.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature

The fourth and fifth of five separate book discussions around the theme of Your Heart's Desire: Sex and Love in Jewish Literature, coordinated by Victoria Harrison, Ph.D., Jewish Studies Coordinator and Lecturer in the History Department at San Jose State University. This series was made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association. Please register for this series by calling the Information/Reference Desk (408) 730-7300, menu option 5, or by e-mailing library@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Books will be available to check out from the Library.

The Lover by A.B. Yehoshua will be discussed tonight.

Wednesday, October 29 – 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

The Mind-Body Problem by Rebecca Goldstein will be discussed tonight.

Wednesday, November 19 – 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Monthly Book Group

Enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experiences.

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer.

Thursday, October 16 – 7 p.m.

A nine-year-old inventor and astrophysicist searches through New York City for the lock that will fit a key left by his father who died in the September 11 attacks.

Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science by Atul Gawande.

Thursday, November 20 – 7 p.m.

A surgeon with a background in philosophy and ethics examines the myth of medical infallibility, explores new technologies and describes treatments for challenging medical conditions.

The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar.

Thursday, December 11 – 7 p.m.

A poignant story set in contemporary Bombay where an upper-middle-class widow and her impoverished servant share a bond, yet are divided by class.

Read-Along Shakespeare

Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces.

The Winter’s Tale

Monday, October 6 – 7 p.m.

Cymbeline

Monday, November 3 – 7 p.m.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Estate Planning and Write Your Own Will

Thursday, October 9 – 7 p.m.

Estate planning attorney Eric Norris will present an informative and entertaining seminar on estate planning. You'll discover the pitfalls of probate and how to avoid them. You'll learn about the advantages of living trusts, especially for the baby boomer generation. You'll hear about the importance of an advance health care directive, and why the local bank may not honor your durable power of attorney. Finally, Eric will help you execute a valid simple California will on the spot. Space is limited, so please contact the Information/Reference desk at (408) 730-7300, option 5, to reserve your place.

League of Women Voters State Ballot Propositions

Tuesday, October 14 – 7 p.m.

Get objective, non-partisan explanations of the statewide propositions under consideration in the November 4 election when the Cupertino-Sunnyvale chapter of the League of Women Voters presents a free program describing the propositions and answers your questions.

NASA Missions Update

Wednesday, November 12 – 7 p.m.

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will provide an update on the Mars Phoenix Mission as the spacecraft heads into the dark, cold Martian winter, as well as Messenger's second fly-by of Mercury and other mission updates.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Tuesday, December 2 – 7 p.m.

They're back! Professional actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival will present a special evening performance as part of the Festival's education program at the Library. The evening will include excerpts from Shakespeare as well as classic and contemporary pieces. Join us in the Library's Program Room on Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. The event is free and is appropriate for adults and children accompanied by an adult.

Origami Workshop

Thursday, November 6 – 7 p.m.

Learn about the fun of modular origami with Meenakshi Mukerji, author of *Marvelous Modular Origami*. At this workshop for adults and teens, you will learn how to create a three-dimensional geometric shape using only one folding pattern. Mukerji received the 2005 Florence Temko Award by Origami USA for her contributions to origami. Folding experience will be helpful. A few books will be available for sale and signing by the author. Class size is limited, so call (408) 730-7300 to register.

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SUNNYVALE SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

If you are 50 or older and enjoy traveling, you're invited to try out the Sunnyvale Senior Center trip program that offers day and extended trips year-round. Trips are open to anyone older than 50, and Sunnyvale Senior Center members receive a discounted price. All others pay a small additional fee of \$5 per day trip and \$15 per extended trip.

This program offers a wide variety of day trips for those interested in the performing arts, cultural events, local history, sporting events, nature, shopping, gourmet dining and fun quirky places to visit. All day trips include free parking, round-trip transportation from the Senior Center, gratuities for the bus driver and two experienced escorts.

Extended trips include free parking and round-trip transportation from the Senior Center, as well as travel protection/interruption insurance, gratuities for services provided (except for cruise lines), all transportation, including airfare, meals, sightseeing and guided tours as listed on the flyer, plus one or two experienced escorts and a tour director, as required.

Palm Springs November 11 – 14

Join us as we fly to Palm Springs for a great trip. Some of the highlights are: the Palm Springs' Follies; the Village Fest, featuring a variety of vendors displaying quality art and crafts, food, live entertainment and farmers selling their produce; an aerial tram ride ascending 8,514 feet offering an amazing view; a narrated tour to learn the history of Palm Springs, as well as glimpsing some of the celebrity homes in the area; the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens; the Air Museum; a covered wagon tour with an expert naturalist guide, and BBQ buffet dinner with entertainment while viewing panoramic views of the valley and local mountains; and window shopping in El Paseo, the "Rodeo Drive" of Palm Springs. This four-day, three-night trip includes eight meals (three breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners) and costs \$1,399 per person, double occupancy, or \$1,608, single occupancy. Deposit is \$200 per person, with the balance due September 22.

Australia plus North and South New Zealand February 16 – March 4, 2009

This trip to the land down under starts with three nights in Cairns, the heart of tropical north Australia. Then it's off to experience the Great Barrier Reef with a catamaran cruise to Green Island and snorkeling or glass bottom boat coral viewing. The next day, board the Kuranda Scenic Rail for a visit to the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Over the next three days, enjoy the best of Sydney, including a city tour, a visit to the Taronga Zoo, a Rocks walking tour, a tour of the world famous Opera House and a special Sydney

Harbor dinner cruise. Next, travel to Canberra, Australia's capital, for a tour and a visit to a working Aussie sheep station. After a short flight to Melbourne, delight in a three-day stay that includes a city tour, a Yarra River boat cruise, a visit to the Koala Conservation Center and a glimpse of the world's smallest penguins on Phillip Island. Then it's off to see New Zealand's North and South islands with their many attractions, including Milford Sound, Rotorua, the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, Rainbow Springs Nature Park and the Waitomo Glow Worms Cave. Experience a Maori Hangi feast and a city tour of Auckland. The price for this 18-day, 17-night trip includes 24 meals (15 breakfasts, two lunches, seven dinners) and costs \$6,441 per person, double occupancy, \$7,691, single occupancy. Deposit is \$740 per person, with balance due December 3.

Branson, Memphis and Nashville March 25 – April 2, 2009

Fly to St. Louis, to enjoy a tour of the city before traveling on to Branson for a three-night stay. Branson offers many shows and attractions, including: the Jim Stafford Show, Silver Dollar City, the Branson Belle Showboat, a Shoji Tabuchi performance and a tour of the city. Continue on to Little Rock to visit the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum. Then it's off to Tunica, Miss., the South's casino capital, for a two-night stay. From there, travel to Memphis to tour Graceland and visit Beale Street. Next head to Nashville for a two-night stay at the beautiful Opryland Resort, to enjoy the best "Music City, U.S.A." has to offer at the famous Grand Ole Opry House. The nine-day, eight-night trip includes 13 meals (eight breakfasts, five dinners) and costs \$2,361 per person, double occupancy, \$2,861, single occupancy. Deposit is \$440 per person, with balance due January 9, 2009.

Chicago Getaway May 7 – May 12, 2009

Spend all five nights in downtown Chicago as you enjoy all that's wonderful about the Windy City. Trip includes: an extensive city tour; a River Cruise showcasing the city's unique architecture; and visits to Sears Tower, the Navy Pier, the homes of Frank Lloyd Wright and Ernest Hemingway and the Field Museum – home of Sue, the world's largest T-Rex. You'll also visit Indiana's Amish country and Notre Dame University. The six-day, five-night adventure includes nine meals (five breakfasts, one lunch, three dinners) and costs \$2,241 per person, double occupancy, \$2,891 single occupancy. Deposit is \$440 per person, with balance due February 18, 2009.

Trains of the Colorado Rockies June 20 – 28, 2009

This is a mountain and train lover's dream vacation. After flying into Denver, travel America's highest continuous highway – 12,183 feet – in Rocky Mountain National Park, and pass over the Devil's Gate High Bridge on the narrow gauge

Georgetown Loop Railroad. Then visit Vail, Grand Junction and the Colorado National Monument as you travel along Rim Rock on your journey through wine country, where you'll enjoy a wine maker's dinner. The trip also includes a drive through the San Juan Mountains to historic Silverton with its spectacular views and Victorian charm; visits to Mesa Verde National Park, the Spruce Tree Cliff dwellings and the famous Cliff Palace; passage on the Royal Gorge Railroad to cross over the world's highest suspension bridge (1,053 feet); passage on the Pike's Peak Cog Railway up to the Garden of the Gods, with its magnificent views of spectacular sandstone formations and Pike's Peak (14,110 feet); and two-nights in Colorado Springs before heading home. The nine-day, eight-night trip includes 12 meals (eight breakfasts, four dinners) and costs \$2,740 per person, double occupancy, \$3,440 single occupancy. Deposit is \$240 per person, with balance due April 20, 2009.

Canadian Discovery by Rail

September 30 – October 10, 2009

Highlights: Fly to Toronto, Ontario, and enjoy a city tour featuring the medieval castle Casa Loma, Yorkville, High Park, and the University of Toronto. Climb aboard VIA Rail Canada for a three-day journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies, rolling through the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and ending in Jasper National Park. Travel the Icefields Parkway to Bow Pass for views of Peyto Lake, and ride a specially-designed snowcoach onto 1,000-foot thick Athabasca Glacier. Enjoy a stop at Lake Louise before continuing on to Banff for a three-night stay. Day one is a leisure day for you to explore this beautiful town. Next visit Moraine Lake for views of the Valley of Ten Peaks, tour Tunnel Mountain, Bow Falls, the Hoodoos and take a ride up the Sulfur Mountain Gondola for breath-taking views. Then board The Rocky Mountaineer train for two full days of daylight travel along the scenic Kicking Horse Route, which eventually reaches the Pacific coast of Canada. Highlights on the first day include: the Spiral Tunnels, Continental Divide, the Last Spike Marker and Rogers Pass. Overnight in Kamloops, British Columbia. The second day, pass by the Thompson River, the thundering waters of Hell's Gate and Fraser Valley before arriving in Vancouver, where you'll enjoy a city tour before boarding your flight home. This 11-day, 10-night trip includes 21 meals (10 breakfasts, five lunches, six dinners) and costs \$5,999 per person, double occupancy, \$7,099 single occupancy. Deposit is \$599 per person, with balance due July 15, 2009.

Trip information is listed on the Web at *Seniors.inSunnyvale.com*, in the Senior Center's quarterly *Steppin' Out Messenger* newsletter, and quarterly *Activity Guide*. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, contact the Sunnyvale Senior Center at (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☼

EVENING OF CULTURAL ARTS SEASON BRINGS WORLD TALENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD VENUE

Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce its 2008/09 Evening of Cultural Arts Series, the eighteenth season of eclectic arts offerings. As always, the performances are held at the intimate Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. With eight culturally and musically diverse programs offered in the 200-seat venue, the upcoming season invites audiences to “Get comfortable. Get closer. Get Culture.” The line-up includes gypsy fiddle music, chart-topping multilingual world music, cowboy yodeling, klezmer, Japanese Taiko drumming, vintage American novelty songs, Irish storytelling and Italian oldies. The season is sponsored in part by *The Sun* newspaper and The Domain hotel.

The Fishtank Ensemble
Cross-Pollinated Gypsy Music
September 6

The Fishtank Ensemble evokes smoky Bucharest cafes and caravan-ringed campfires with its lively blend, including Balkan and Swedish folk, flamenco and Gypsy jazz.

Rupa & The April Fishes
Extraordinary Rendition
October 18

Many languages and musical traditions merge into an exotic, dreamlike sound when Rupa & The April Fishes performs October 18. The group's music echoes French chanson, Argentinean tango, Gypsy

swing, American folk, Latin cumbia and Indian ragas.

Sourdough Slim
Cowboy Classics
November 24

Audiences will step back in time with an authentic vaudeville-style cowboy in the Will Rogers tradition. Sourdough Slim is a veritable one-man Western extravaganza, crooning Western classics, playing accordion, harmonica and guitar, dancing a jig, twirling a lariat and letting loose with award-winning yippee-ti-yi yodeling.

Other upcoming performances

- **Kugelpex**
Klezmer's Coming to Town
December 13
- **San Jose Taiko**
Japanese Drums, American-style
January 10
- **The Canote Brothers**
Two-of-a-Kind Tunes
February 14
- **Patrick Ball**
Fine Beauty of the Island
March 21
- **Peppino D'Agostino**
Made in Italy
April 4

All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. Individual tickets for all shows are \$25 for general admission, and \$20 for students and seniors with ID. Season ticket packages start at \$68. Group sales discounts are also available. For more information, call the Sunnyvale Theatre at (408) 730-7725. ☎

CITY OF SUNNYVALE YOUTH BASKETBALL OFFICIALS AND SCOREKEEPERS WANTED

Saturdays, January 17 – March 14
\$8 – \$10.50/hour, DOE

Referee and scorekeeper positions are available for the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League. This program serves first through eighth grade boys and girls. All games are on Saturdays, January 17 to March 14, from approximately 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at various Sunnyvale school facilities. This program is a non-competitive league which encourages everyone to play and to learn the game.

The referee and scorekeeper position requires knowledge of basic basketball rules and the skills necessary to play basketball. Individuals must have the ability to officiate while instructing players in developing skills and understanding the rules of the game. Two paid, mandatory basic referee training clinics will be held prior to the start of the season. Individuals must possess the ability to work with parents, coaches and children, and have the ability to develop and maintain a high standard of professional conduct and civil responsibility. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Interested applicants should contact the league coordinator at (408) 730-7723 by December 5.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 11 • 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lowe's Parking Lot, 811 E. Arques Ave.

Free up space, eliminate security risks, and get rid of your outdated papers. The City of Sunnyvale is sponsoring a paper-shredding event for residents at the Lowe's Parking lot at 811 E. Arques Ave., across the street from the annual Pancake Breakfast, October 11, at Fire Station 2, 795 E. Arques Ave.

Sunnyvale residents may bring up to 15 boxes or bags of their personal paper records and files from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for onsite shredding by a professional document management company free of charge. Staples, rubber bands, folders and paper clips do not need to be removed. Spiral-bound notebooks are also accepted and no appointment is required.

Participants will be able to drive through the shredding area and will be assisted unloading materials if needed. The material to be shredded is emptied into large carts and tipped into the shredding truck. It is important to have the materials properly contained in boxes or bags to prevent litter. All documents will be shredded on site. If requested, a certificate of destruction will be provided. It is a very secure operation supervised by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

The paper shredded at the event is recycled and made into new products. For more information, call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

VOLUNTEER DISASTER DRILL

Being prepared for a disaster involves continual training to keep first responders and disaster service workers sharp. Every year, cities and regional government agencies throughout California practice working together to address various aspects of disaster management. One upcoming drill that Sunnyvale will participate in will simulate a regional earthquake, focusing on volunteer management. In every disaster, people will volunteer to help both immediately following the incident and afterwards during the recovery phase. However, if they are not properly directed and trained, they can get in the way of trained rescue workers and cause harm to themselves and others.

Sunnyvale's Volunteer Resources office will open an emergency volunteer center (EVC) on October 23 to practice procedures and communications between Sunnyvale's emergency management organization and City services that may need volunteer assistance following an earthquake. The Volunteer Resources office needs volunteers who can come to the EVC that day to go through the check-in process and then evaluate their experience. The time commitment is from one to four hours between approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for this drill, contact Volunteer Resources at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail VolunteerResources@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us for further details. ☎

NEW TEEN MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINS

Sunnyvale's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Council will unveil "The Soundbox," a new acoustic music program for teens beginning Saturday, October 25, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Park building. This event is for high school age teens only with a valid I.D.

The Soundbox centers around a live band performing at the Fair Oaks park building. Lead by the Teen Advisory Council and Recreation staff, the park building is transformed for one night into a club for teens during the following months: October 2008 and January, March and May 2009. The program is looking for bands to play at these events, and interested parties should contact Typhanie Ricci at (408) 730-7741.

The Fair Oaks park building is located at 540 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Free parking is always available. More information on teen programs and activities is available at Recreation.inSunnyvale.com, or by calling (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Starting around Thanksgiving, many people feel a desire to give back to their communities as they realize all that they are grateful for in their own lives. By Thanksgiving, however, many of the local agencies and organizations who serve the less fortunate in our communities are already in full swing providing food and supplies to their clients. The time to volunteer for the holidays is now. Local church and social service agencies begin collecting supplies in early fall so they will have them organized and ready to distribute towards the end of the year. Donating money or supplies closer to the holidays, in November and December, is often too late.

There are a number of opportunities to volunteer your time during the holidays. Many agencies and organizations look for volunteers to help with special programs around this time of year, and will gladly sign up individuals,

families or groups who want to help with sorting and distribution. Contact an organization directly for volunteer opportunities, or check one of the local online clearinghouses for available projects.

Local Volunteer Agencies

The Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley
www.VCSV.us

Hands On Bay Area
www.handsonbayarea.org

One Brick
www.Onebrick.org

In Sunnyvale, Christmas Is December 9

This year, Christmas starts December 9. On that day, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) will open its Community Christmas Center that is expected to serve 1,200 low-income Sunnyvale families. The families are afforded the dignity of selecting a two-week supply of food, new gifts for infants through teens, and a practical household gift for

each family (bath towels, sheets and blankets, basic kitchen and laundry items). The program is designed not only to make kids happy; it also ensures families will have enough food on the table when school vacation means no free school meals, when many businesses close for one or two weeks, when utility bills are highest, and when rain means no work for gardeners, car washers and construction workers.

All gifts delivered to Sunnyvale fire stations go to SCS' Community Christmas Center. Early donations – starting December 5 – are critical, according to Executive Director Nancy Tivol. “We’ll help more than 100 families a day and we have to start early in order to help them all.” SCS’ Web site, www.svcommunityservices.org, has a list of what’s most needed, including gifts for 7 – 12 year olds and teens and household gifts. For more information on the Christmas Center, call (408) 738-0121. ☀

FREE PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Developmental Assets for Children and Youth

(Presented in Spanish)
Thursday, October 16
6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Bishop School Auditorium
450 N. Sunnyvale Ave.

Speaker: Deanna Perez, from Project Cornerstone

Summary: Developmental assets are the positive relationships, opportunities, values and skills that young people need to grow up caring and responsible. Research conducted by the Search Institute identified the 40 developmental assets as the essential building blocks of healthy child and youth

development – including adult role models, positive peer influence, caring school climates and a sense that community values youth. Gain practical tips on how you can assist your child in developing their assets to ensure positive development and growth.

Parenting for Toddlers

Thursday, January 15, 2009
6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Sunnyvale Council Chambers
456 W. Olive Avenue

Speaker: Elizabeth Dixon, LCSW, from El Camino Hospital

In this workshop, parents will learn about the normal behavior and needs of children from infancy through age 4.

They will also learn specific discipline strategies that encourage cooperative behavior from children. They will discover how hard wired temperament differences affect children’s behavior and how taking care of their own needs as parents will also help their children.

To register, call the City of Sunnyvale’s Youth, Family and Child Care Resources division at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22.



SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP TRANSFORMS LAS PALMAS TENNIS CENTER LOCKER ROOMS

Over time, the locker rooms in the Las Palmas Tennis Center on Mathilda Avenue have slowly deteriorated and are in desperate need of renovation. A renovation project is planned in the future, but in the meantime, members of the Sunnyvale Tennis Club have stepped forward with a proposal to give the tennis center locker rooms, including showers and toilet facilities, a major face lift. This project is a terrific example of what can be done when City staff and community members work together.

The volunteers – who include project coordinator Ralph Kenton, project leader Jan Young, Robert Lacy-Thompson, Charles Moss, Winston Lowe, Larry Brown, Frank Clima, William Ferris and Werner Schuerch – worked for four weeks and nearly 190 hours to make the locker rooms presentable for the Northern California District Championships in August. Several hundred USTA tennis players visited the Las Palmas Tennis Center for the tournament.

The volunteers worked hard to make the locker rooms sparkle. They sanded, stripped and painted

doors and benches; stripped and repainted all of the lockers; removed rust, mold, salt and soap deposits from the showers and toilet facilities; polished faucets; cleaned out drains and light fixtures; replaced shower curtains and repaired door frames and locks; and installed new door handles.

City staff pitched in too by completing electrical and plumbing repairs, replacing shower fans and installing new baseboards throughout the locker rooms.

In addition to the volunteer labor, the Sunnyvale Tennis Club donated all of the materials and supplies. ☀

SUNNYVALE PROVIDES FUNDING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

In its Fiscal Year 2008/09 budget, City Council approved a program to provide grant funding support for nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations holding public community events in Sunnyvale. The program offers a total of \$25,000 in grant funds for FY 2008/09. Organizations serving Sunnyvale with community events are encouraged to apply. Applications for grant funding will be reviewed by a committee of City staff, which will make recommendations to the city manager. Final approval will be given by City Council.

Applications and supporting documents regarding eligibility and evaluation criteria are available by calling the Community Resources Division office at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501. The deadline to submit applications is October 17, and grant announcements will be made in December. To be

eligible, community events must be scheduled to take place before June 30, 2009.

Another grant application process is expected to open in early 2009 for events occurring in FY 2009/10.

Planning a Special Event?

Organizations and individuals planning community events in Sunnyvale must submit a community event application, complete with a site map, at least 60 days prior

to the event. The processing fee is \$100. City staff will review the event application and inform the event organizer of requirements and permits needed to conduct a safe event. Once all the conditions of approval are met, the event organizer will receive a special event permit. Contact the Community Resources Division for more information at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit EventApplication.inSunnyvale.com. ☎

SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE GETS AN UPDATE

The City of Sunnyvale's Community Resource Guide to Frequently Requested Services has been updated, and the new edition is now available. This guide contains valuable information on local resources and agencies, including counseling, child care, employment, health care, food and housing. The guide is available in both English and Spanish. To obtain a copy of this resource guide, call (408) 523-8150, TDD (408) 730-7501.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKSHOP FOR CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS

Introducing Language through Play

Saturday, November 15
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center
Laurel Room
550 E. Remington Drive

Instruction by UC Davis Extension
Participants will review the development of language, survey

second language acquisition, examine language concerns, and plan language-rich routines that expand children's vocabulary, use of narrative and active listening techniques.

To register, call the City of Sunnyvale's Youth, Family and Child Care Resources Division at (408) 523-8150, ext. 22. ☎

NEW SIGNS POSTED ALONG BAY SPUR TRAILS

From lunchtime walks to weekend jaunts, recreational use of the multi-use trails that ring the South Bay continues to increase in popularity. During hunting season, waterfowl hunters also share the area that borders the trails along the Guadalupe Slough and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge (formerly salt pond) to the west. In keeping with the multi-use character of the South Bay, the Water Pollution Control Plant maintains treatment ponds whose levees are considered spurs to the San Francisco Bay Trail, a network of trails that will eventually encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

As trail users skirt the shoreline, sloughs, wetlands and former salt ponds can be viewed along with the birds and other wildlife that inhabit the region. Trail users in Sunnyvale enjoy walks around the treatment ponds, which abound with waterfowl. Signs alerting users to the nature of the ponds as well as the presence of unseen currents found beneath the water's surface have been posted at the pond perimeters. The bright yellow signs are multilingual, with the cautionary information appearing in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

OLD PILLS PILING UP?

NEW CAMPAIGN OFFERS FREE, EASY DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR UNWANTED MEDS

This fall, medicine cabinets across the state will have the opportunity for a makeover as a statewide No Drugs Down the Drain campaign kicks off. This is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and its agency members, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to promote proper disposal of unwanted medication to all Californians in an effort to keep pharmaceuticals out of the sewer systems and waterways. In Sunnyvale, residents

can drop off unwanted medicine, along with any other hazardous wastes from around the home, at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events held every third Saturday at 164 Carl Road.

Pharmaceutical waste has emerged as a major environmental issue. While some pharmaceuticals enter the environment via normal human excretion, another significant source may be through direct disposal, such as being flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain. In fact, before data began to show

the presence of pharmaceuticals in our creeks, bays and oceans, it was commonplace for doctors and pharmacists to recommend that medication be disposed of down the toilet.

Scientific research is showing that improperly disposed of medication is having a negative impact on wildlife. Therefore, water pollution prevention agencies, including the City of Sunnyvale, are educating residents and asking them to properly dispose of unwanted medication. Today, flushing or disposing down the drain is not considered proper disposal. For more information on the impact of pharmaceuticals to the environment, or for more local disposal options, visit www.nodrugsdownthedrain.com. ☎



POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOUR BAY TODAY?

This year, Sunnyvale will team up with state and federal agencies, businesses and communities nationwide to promote the benefits of pollution prevention during National Pollution Prevention Week, starting September 15. The Bay is closer than you think, since our City storm drains connect to outfalls in creeks and channels that flow directly to San Francisco Bay. Practicing pollution prevention in the garden or during indoor and outdoor chores can be easy. By simply adopting some of the alternative practices listed below you too can protect your bay today.

Gardening Tips

Various techniques can be used in your garden that will contribute to a cleaner, safer and pollution-free environment:

- Do not fertilize or apply pesticides when rain is forecast within 24 hours. Runoff from rain or over-watering can carry fertilizer and pesticide residues

into the storm drain system, degrading water quality in local creeks and the Bay.

- To rid your garden of unwanted pests, consider including plants that attract beneficial insects and introduce “good bugs,” such as ladybugs, that will consume insect pests. Visit www.mywatershedwatch.org and click on the *Got Bugs* tab for more information.
- Do not blow or rake leaves or lawn clippings into the street, or place yard waste in gutters. Use a broom or rake, not a hose, to clean up leaves, lawn and garden clippings and place them in your green yard waste container for recycling. This will protect storm drains from clogging and reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizers that may be present on green waste from entering our creeks and the Bay.

Green Gardener Program

Is your gardener a Green Gardener? Started in spring 2008, the Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener training program offers education and training to landscape maintenance professionals in the key principles of ecological landscaping. In the 10-week, 20-hour series of classes, individuals are taught to conserve water through good irrigation practices, protect and nourish the soil, and to reduce the need for pesticide use through integrated pest management

practices. For information on classes being offered or to find a trained Green Gardener visit www.mywatershedwatch.org and click on the Green Gardener logo.

Around the House

- Chores and activities around the house can cause water pollution. For a cleaner Bay and environment, try incorporating the following tips:
- Avoid using toxic chemicals to clear a drain. Instead, clear your drains by pouring ¼ cup baking soda into the drain, followed by ¼ cup vinegar. Later, flush the drain with boiling water.
- Repair leaking vehicles promptly to help keep auto fluids off the street. Soak up spills with an absorbent such as kitty litter or sand. If you change your own oil or antifreeze, recycle it. Never dump oil or any automotive fluid on the dirt or in the storm drain.
- House repairs? Keep all construction debris, materials, and dirt piles covered and away from the street, gutter and storm drain. If a dumpster is used, be sure it is securely covered with a lid or tarp when not in use.
- Encourage family and friends to try some of the above suggestions. Working together and incorporating pollution prevention techniques, we can protect our shared environments and the Bay. ☀

DID YOU KNOW?

The City offers composting workshops to its residents so they can learn how to use their own yard trimmings to make compost at home.

The workshops are led by experienced gardeners and master composter volunteers. The events are held one Saturday per month from 10 a.m. to noon at the City’s Orchard Heritage Center, next to the Sunnyvale Community Center at 550 E. Remington Drive. The next workshop is scheduled for October 18.

Registration is requested. Sign up online at CompostWorkshop.inSunnyvale.com or by phone at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

TAKE A TOUR OF THE PLANT

Want to learn what happens to the water after it’s sent down the drain? Take a free tour of Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant. Tours are fun for kids and adults, and provide environmental education to help better understand the water we so often take for granted. During the 90-minute tour, visitors will learn the various stages of treatment, how the plant uses alternative fuel sources to conserve energy and how Sunnyvale conserves by using recycled water on the landscaping at corporate business parks and City facilities.

Tours can be adapted to meet specific curriculum needs and are conducted Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call (408) 730-7738, TDD (408) 730-7501, to make a reservation. For more information about the Water Pollution Control Plant, visit wpcp.sunnyvale.ca.gov.

**FOR ALL
CITY SERVICES,
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(408) 730-7501**

CITY OF SUNNYVALE AWARDED URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT GRANT

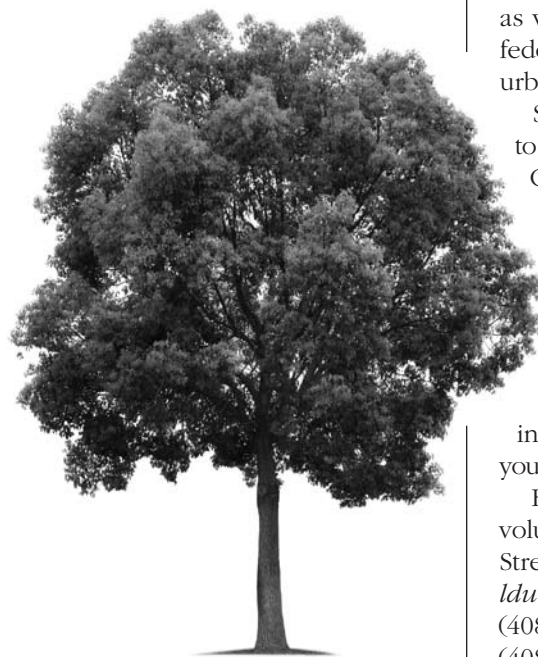
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Street trees are an important part of the character of our City. The state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has awarded a \$33,000 grant

to assist the City of Sunnyvale in developing an Urban Forestry Management Plan. The plan will include a community participation and education program, encouraging collaboration between City council, City staff, businesses and residents, as well as assistance from state and federal agencies to help manage our urban forest.

Sunnyvale is looking for volunteers to participate in this process. Community volunteers will evaluate the condition of our street trees and their impact on neighborhoods, as well as giving input to staff on the components of the proposed plan. Even if you think you know little about trees but are interested in our community trees, you are invited to participate.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Leonard Dunn, Street Tree Services Manager, at ldunn@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or call (408) 730-7505, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀



RESIDENTIAL MIXED-PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you know what type of mixed paper materials are accepted in the City's new mixed paper program? Acceptable paper should be placed in the green lid side of your curbside recycling cart. If you live in an apartment complex or have a separate dark blue container for paper, put mixed paper with the newspaper. If you have more paper than can fit inside the recycling cart, place extra paper in a paper bag next to the cart.

Accepted

- Newspaper and inserts
- Phone books
- White, colored and glossy paper without food residue
- Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)
- Catalogs and magazines (no plastic wrappers)
- Cereal and cake mix boxes (liners removed)
- Computer and plain fax paper
- NCR paper (carbonless)
- Paper ream wrappers
- Construction art paper (less than 50 percent painted)
- Paper egg cartons

- Non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards
- Manila folders, hanging files (remove metal hanging strips)
- Shredded paper (place in paper bags, no plastic bags)
- Paper bags
- Self-stick notes
- Paperback books
- Shoe or clothing boxes (flattened)
- Store receipts (NCR carbonless are OK)
- Staples, paper clips, labels and tape are OK

Not Accepted

- Food contaminated paper, plastic or foil
- Beverage cartons or pouches
- Film plastic (e.g., plastic bags, bubble wrap)
- Beverage cups, coffee cups
- Binder clips (staples and small paper clips are OK)
- Thermal fax paper or carbon paper
- Donut boxes, fast food cups, take-out containers/wrappers
- Foam egg cartons
- Foil
- Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags

- Frozen food boxes/cartons
- Hardback books
- Ice cream cartons
- Paper covered with paint or pet waste
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic-coated papers (photographs)
- Tyvek mailing envelopes, padded envelopes
- Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders
- Tissues, paper towels, paper plates
- Waxed cardboard
- Blueprints
- Corrugated cardboard (continue to bundle and place next to your recycling cart or garbage bin)

Questions?

If you have any questions about recycling, please contact the City of Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

CHOICE COLLECT EXTRA GARBAGE TAG SALES LOCATIONS

Tags Available for Purchase

Store	Location	Phone
Lucky	484 N. Mathilda Ave.	(408) 737-1834
Safeway	733 S. Wolfe Road	(408) 739-8131
Safeway	1601 Hollenbeck Ave.	(408) 733-8251
Safeway	639 S. Bernardo Ave.	(408) 732-5900
Safeway	785 E. El Camino Real	(408) 481-3300
Grewalz Market	1270 Persian Drive	(408) 734-1819
Grewalz Liquor	1125 Tasman Ave.	(408) 744-0970
Grewalz Liquor & Grocery	1115 Borregas Ave.	(408) 734-1819
New Wing Yuan Market	1139 Lawrence Expressway	(408) 400-9288
PAK'nSAVE	762 Saratoga Sunnyvale Road	(408) 720-0244
SMaRT Station® (accepts cash only)	301 Carl Road	(408) 752-8530

City Government Locations

Site	Location	Phone
City Hall Annex	650 West Olive Ave.	(408) 730-7400
Community Center	550 E. Remington Drive	(480) 730-7350

SUNNYVALE LAUNCHES CHOICECOLLECT PROGRAM

Cart Delivery in Progress

The City of Sunnyvale and Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling are providing the new ChoiceCollect residential garbage service for residents in single-family, duplex, triplex and mobile homes.



Each customer is being provided with a new 35, 65 or 95-gallon garbage cart based on the cart sizes that were ordered by customers in late summer and September. Each resident's new rate will begin with the delivery of the new cart.

Mobile home park residents may get additional information by contacting park management.

Extra Garbage Q&A

On occasion I have more garbage than will fit in my cart. What can I do with the extra garbage?

If you have extra garbage you may purchase an extra garbage tag for \$6 at one of the locations listed on the chart to the right.

May I put my extra garbage in a cardboard box for collection?

No, cardboard boxes with extra garbage will not be collected. Please follow the instruction below when preparing your extra garbage:

- Bag the extra garbage in a 35-gallon (or smaller) plastic bag.
- Maximum bag weight is 30 pounds.
- Stick the tag on the front of the bag with the tag facing the street.
- Place curbside for pick up on your collection day.

Where may I purchase an extra garbage tag?

Beginning September 15 tags will be available for purchase at the locations listed in the chart to the right.

For more information about ChoiceCollect garbage services visit *ChoiceCollect.inSunnyvale.com* or contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

October 1 – December 31, 2008
Community Calendar also available online:
Events.inSunnyvale.com
In addition to City-sponsored events, the Community Calendar includes non City-sponsored events. Events posted to this calendar do not necessarily imply endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale. The calendar serves as an information-only resource for the community. All dates and times are subject to change.

City Holidays

November 27 and 28
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Thanksgiving)
December 24
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Christmas Eve)
December 25
City Offices Closed
(in observance of Christmas)
December 31
City Offices Closed
(in observance of New Year's Eve)

Recurring Meetings and Events

City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.
Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall If the first Monday is a City-observed holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month in the Library Program Room.
Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each quarter, 1 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of each month (as needed), 7 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

Recurring Community Meetings and Events

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information, contact Nellie Durand, (408) 296-3805.
Business Mixer: Evening networking events held at 5 p.m., every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.
Farmers' Market: Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Murphy Avenue between Washington and Evelyn avenues. For more information, call (510) 745-7100 or visit *www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html*
Fair Oaks Toastmasters: Meets Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information, contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, *hchau1@aol.com* or visit *www.geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters*
Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay: Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information, contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off: Drop-off at Sunnyvale event site, 164 Carl Rd, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information, call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: Meets Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information, contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or *bruce@carlsonfun.com*.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters: Meets Wednesdays, 5 p.m., 260 S. Sunnyvale, Suite #4. Become a better speaker and leader. For more information, contact Sarah Newman at (866) 387-4086 or visit *http://siliconvalley.freetoasthost.com*
Wake-Up Sunnyvale: Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the first Friday of each month, 7 p.m., Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, call Tom Carrig, (408) 736-6147.
Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings: Meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. (except December), Fairwood School or Lakewood School – visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Web site for locations at *www.lvna.net*. For more information, e-mail Michael Majchrowicz, *president@lvna.net*.
San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings: Meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778 or *taramil@sbcglobal.net*.
SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda): Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information, contact Michael Rose, (408) 736-4811.
Classes and Programs
Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.

October

October 1
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.
Mary Avenue Extension Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m., Neighborhood Room, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. This meeting will present background information on the Mary Avenue Extension Project, consideration of the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the City's process for considering these issues. Sunnyvale City Council is scheduled to consider the project and the EIR at a public hearing during its regular meeting on October 28. For more information, visit *Transportation.inSunnyvale.com* or call (408) 730-7412.
October 2
SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.
October 2 – 5
Sunnyvale Community Players presents – Seussical. For more information, or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit *www.sunnyvaleplayers.org*.
October 3
Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.
October 4
Farmers' Market. 9 a.m.
October 4 – 5
Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.
October 5
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.
October 6
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 7
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 8
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
October 8 – 25
California Theater Center presents – *Snow White and Rose Red*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit *www.ctcinc.org*
October 8
Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.
Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

October 9
Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.
Estate Planning and Write Your Own Will, 7 p.m. Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Estate planning attorney Eric Norris will present an informative and entertaining seminar on estate planning. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.
October 11
Sunnyvale Public Safety Tenth Annual Pancake Breakfast
8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Fire Station 2, 795 E. Arques Ave. Meet Sunnyvale public safety officers, tour the fire station, see K-9 demonstrations, document shredding and more. For more information, call (408) 730-7140, TDD (408) 730-7501.
Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.
October 11 – 12
Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information, call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.
October 12
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.
October 13
San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 14
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
League of Women Voters State Ballot Propositions, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Get objective, non-partisan explanations of the statewide propositions under consideration in the November 4 election when the Cupertino-Sunnyvale chapter of the League of Women Voters presents a free program describing the propositions and answers your questions. For more information, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.
October 15
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.
Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 16
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
October 18
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
New Frontiers in Prevention of Breast Cancer, A Community Taking a Stand Together Presents: "Bringing Leadership and Action into our Community for Prevention of Breast Cancer 2008" – A free educational program, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farana Center of the Church of Resurrection, 1395 Hollenbeck Ave. For more information, contact Bobbe Smirni at (408) 735-1819, or e-mail *absmirni@pacbell.net*.
Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.
Compost Workshop, 10 a.m., Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum
An Evening of Cultural Arts presents – *Rupa & The April Fishes*, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 733-6611.
October 19
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.
15th Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Silicon Valley Walk to Cure Diabetes, Registration begins at 10 a.m. – walk begins at 11 a.m., Baylands Park. For more information, contact Ke Zhang at (415) 597-6303 or *kzhang@jdrf.org*
October 20
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 21
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
October 22
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.
Book Networking, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Learn how you can use LibraryThing, Safari, Gurulib or other similar Web sites to promote the books you like, pan the books you didn't like, get reviews from real people, connect with others who share your taste in books, communicate with your book group online and catalog your books. No registration necessary. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.
Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.
Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall
October 23
Business Mixer, 5 p.m.

October 25
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Raynor Center, 1500 Partridge Ave. Find terrific bargains on books, movies and music. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *Library.inSunnyvale.com*

October 26
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

Howl’oween Pet Parade, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Downtown Sunnyvale. For more information, contact Sunnyvale Downtown Association at (408) 516-7217.

October 27
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

October 27 – November 8
California Theater Center presents – *The Ransom of Red Chief*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit *www.ctcinc.org*

October 28
Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB) Meeting, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, City Hall

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

October 29
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

7th Annual Family Fun Night at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym (next to Columbia Middle School), 785 Morse Ave. For more information, call (408) 523-8150.

October 31 – November 23
Sunnyvale Community Players presents – *Charlie Brown*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 733-6611 or visit *www.sunnyvaleplayers.org*.

November

November 1
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

November 2
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

November 3
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

November 4
Election Day

No Council Meeting Scheduled

November 5
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall

November 6
SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

Origami Workshop, 7 p.m. Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. Learn about the fun of modular origami with Meenakshi Mukerji, author of *Marvelous Modular Origami*. For more information, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.

November 7
Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

November 8
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

November 9
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

November 10
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

November 11
No City Council Meeting Scheduled

November 12
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

NASA Missions Update, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will provide an update on the Mars Phoenix Mission as the spacecraft heads into the dark, cold Martian Winter, as well as Messenger’s second flyby of Mercury and other mission updates. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.

November 12 – 25
California Theater Center presents – *The Frog Prince*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit *www.ctcinc.org*

November 13
Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.

Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

November 16
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

November 17
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

November 18
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

November 19
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.

November 20
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall

November 21
Thanksgiving Luncheon, noon – 1 p.m., Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. \$11 members and \$13 non-members. For more information, call (408) 730-7360.

November 22
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

November 23
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

November 24
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

November 25
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

November 26
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall

November 27 – 28
City Offices Closed (in observance of Thanksgiving)

Thanksgiving Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

Regular Thursday pickup will be on Friday, November 28

Regular Friday pickup will be on Saturday, November 29

November 29
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

An Evening of Cultural Arts presents – Sourdough Slim – Cowboy Classic, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 733-6611.

November 30
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

December

December 1
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 1 – 6
California Theater Center presents – *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit *www.ctcinc.org*.

December 2
Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

Oregon Shakespeare Festival, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave. They’re back! Professional actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival will present a special evening performance as part of the Festival’s education program The evening will include excerpts from Shakespeare as well as classic and contemporary pieces. For more information on Library events, call (408) 730-7300 or visit *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.

December 3
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

December 4
Sunnyvale Community Services Auction, 5 p.m., 725 Kifer Road. For more information or to donate an item, call (408) 738-4321.

SNAIL Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m

December 5
Holiday Luncheon, noon – 1 p.m., Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. \$11 members and \$13 non-members. For more information, call (408) 730-7360.

Heritage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

December 6
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

December 7
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

December 8 – 20
California Theater Center presents – *Madeline’s Christmas*. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (408) 245-2978 or visit *www.ctcinc.org*.

December 8
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.

December 9
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 10
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.

December 13
Breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information regarding ticket prices, call (408) 730-7360.

Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m

An Evening of Cultural Arts presents – *Kugelplex – Klezmers Coming to Town*, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.

December 14
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

December 15
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 16
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 17
Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.

Silicon Valley Toastmasters, 5 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 18
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, City Hall

December 20
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

December 21
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

December 22
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

December 23
No Council Meeting Scheduled

December 24
City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas Eve)

Holiday Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedule, Christmas and New Year’s Day are both on Thursdays. All residential collections on Thursdays and Fridays will be moved forward one day. Thursday pick-up will be on Friday; Friday pick-up will be on Saturday.

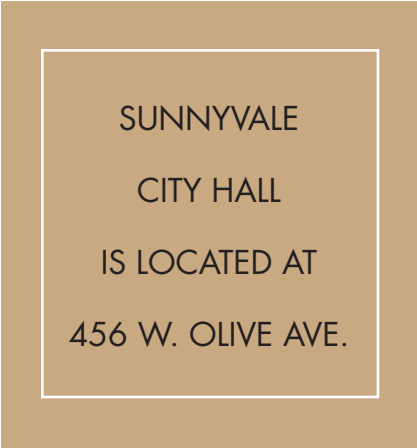
December 25
City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas)

December 27
Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.

December 28
Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.

December 30
No Council Meeting Scheduled

December 31
City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year’s Eve)



Ongoing Events

Fun On The Run
City of Sunnyvale’s Mobile Activities Program. For more information, call (408) 730-7520 or e-mail *awilson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*

Sunnyvale Family Child Care Network Provider Meetings
A group of family child care providers who meet on the second Tuesday of each month for support, networking and education. For more information, call Manijeh Khazeni, (408) 736-6310.

SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Program
The Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services works with our residents to prepare them for catastrophic emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or other natural and man-made disasters. A new schedule of classes is coming in the fall. For more information call Cherel Sampson, (408) 730-7190, or *SNAP@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*

Water Pollution Plant Tours
Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour or for more information, call (408) 730-7717.

SMaRT Station® Tours
See how garbage and recyclable materials from Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are processed and sorted for recycling at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station. Tours are available by appointment and are appropriate for persons 8 years of age and older. To schedule a tour or for more information, call (408) 752-8530 or visit *www.sunnyvalerecycle.org*.

SMaRT Birding Tours
The City has collaborated with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to offer free one-hour bird-watching tours at Sunnyvale’s closed landfill. Interested parties should meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month at 1444 Borregas Ave., north of Caribbean Drive, in Sunnyvale. For additional information, call Silviana Ruiz, (408) 730-7545 or *sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*.

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